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**Opportunity to Comment
on the Oak Creek Watershed
Restoration Project**

The Oak Creek Watershed Restoration Project's preliminary environmental assessment (EA) is now available for public review. The purpose of this comment period is to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the analysis prior to a decision being made by the responsible official. The EA analyzes a modified proposed action alternative that includes activities to improve watershed conditions, wildlife habitat, and water quality in the Upper, Middle and Lower Oak Creek watersheds.

View the EA on the Coconino National Forest website at: <https://tinyurl.com/OakCreekWRAP>

Provide substantive comments regarding the preliminary EA that are within the scope of this project and the decision to be made; are specific to the proposed activities in the project area; and have a direct relationship to the project. If citing or including references, state specifically how those references relate to the EA. Include hard copies or functioning internet links to any references.

**Timeframe and How to
Comment**

The project is an activity implementing a land management plan and is subject to the objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218, subparts A and B.

Specific written comments (§218.2) on the proposed project will be accepted for 30 calendar days following publication of this notice in the Red Rock News. If the comment period ends on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, comments will be accepted until the end of the next Federal working day. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Only individuals or entities (as defined by 36 CFR 218.2) who submit timely, project specific written comments (as defined by 36 CFR 218.2) regarding this proposal during this or other public comment periods established by the responsible official will be eligible to file an objection. Other requirements to be

eligible to file an objection are defined by 36 CFR 218.25(a)(3) and include name, postal address, title of the project and signature or other verification of identity upon request and the identity of the individual or entity who authored the comments. Individual members of an entity must submit their own individual comments in order to have eligibility to object as an individual. A timely submission will be determined as outlined in 36 CFR 218.25(a)(4). Individuals or representatives of an entity submitting comments must sign the comments or verify identity upon request. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period.

Please provide the following information with your comments:

Name, address, email address; project title (Oak Creek Watershed Restoration Project); specific comments on the preliminary EA along with supporting reasons that the responsible official should consider in reaching a decision. Names and contact information submitted with comments will become part of the public record and may be released under the Freedom of Information Act.

Written or oral comments may be submitted via mail, fax, or in person to:

Red Rock Ranger District
Attn: Oak Creek Watershed
Restoration Project

P.O. Box 20429
8375 State Route 179
Sedona, AZ 86341
Fax: 928-203-7539

E-mail written comments to: comments-southwestern-coconino-redrock@fs.fed.us

A public meeting is planned during the notice and comment period, for the purposes of discussing and gathering comments specific to the preliminary environmental assessment. The meeting will be 5-7 p.m. Aug. 20 at the Red Rock Ranger District Office, 8375 State Route 179.

For information or questions, contact: Elizabeth Munding, NEPA planner, at 928-203-2914.

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